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TOMORROW



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In this issue:
THE ASTOUNDING
STORY OF

**"The Man Who
OWNED
SUPERMAN!"**



AFTER
YOU FINISH
BUILDING THAT
BRIDGE, SUPERMAN,
TAKE 20 MINUTES
OFF FOR LUNCH!



**SUPERMAN
FOR HIRE
OSWALD WHIMPLE
PROP.**

ODD JOBS
MOUNTAINS
LEVELLED
CANALS AND
TUNNELS DUG

TOPS IN WESTERNS!



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SUPERMAN-DC
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ADVENTURES SET AGAINST THE THRILLING
BACKGROUND OF THE OPEN RANGE!

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SUPERMAN

H-HOW DO YOU DO IT, WHIMPLE?

IT'S SIMPLE...I HAVE **SUPERMAN** AT MY COMMAND!



IMAGINE HAVING **SUPERMAN** AS YOUR **PRIVATE PROPERTY!** FANTASTIC? YES... BUT IT ACTUALLY HAPPENED... AND IT **COULD** HAVE HAPPENED TO YOU! IT ALL STARTED WHEN LOIS LANE, USING A SHREWD REPORTER'S STRATAGEM, SHARED THE **MAN OF STEEL** INTO THE WORST BARGAIN OF HIS LIFE. AND THOUGH THE BARGAIN BOOMERANGED IN AN UNEXPECTED WAY FOR LOIS, IT CERTAINLY CHANGED THINGS FOR OSWALD WHIMPLE, WHEN HE UNWITTINGLY BECAME...

"THE MAN WHO OWNED SUPERMAN"



ONE AFTERNOON, AS SUPERMAN JOINS A GROUP OF PICKNICKERS...

SUPERMAN-- I NEED YOUR HELP AT ONCE! IT'S A MATTER OF LIFE AND DEATH!

WHAT IS IT, LOIS?

MY GOODNESS! DON'T ASK FOR EXPLANATIONS! PUSH THAT MOUNTAIN BACK... ABOUT TWO FEET! QUICK! IT'S URGENT!

ALL RIGHT-- I'LL DO IT... BUT IT BETTER BE AS IMPORTANT AS YOU CLAIM IT IS!

AND AS THE MIGHTY MUSCLES OF THE MAN OF STEEL STRAIN AGAINST THE IMMOVABLE MASS...

THERE IT IS... MY NEW HAT-- BLOWN UNDER THAT CREVICE! THANKS, SUPERMAN-- YOU'RE A DARLING!

HUH?

IT REALLY WAS A MATTER OF LIFE AND DEATH! I'D HAVE SIMPLY DIED WITHOUT IT. MAISE NORTON HAS THE MOST STUNNING CREATION, BUT THIS LITTLE STRAW NUMBER...

...IS THE LAST STRAW! I'M THROUGH USING MY POWERS TO SATISFY YOUR SILLY WHIMS!

SOME DAYS LATER, AS LOIS COVERS THE STACEY TOY PARADE...

SUPERMAN! TAKE ME WITH YOU! I COULD USE A BIRD'S-EYE VIEW FOR THIS STORY!

SORRY, LOIS... UNTIL I'M SURE YOU'VE LEARNED A LESSON, YOU'LL HAVE TO GET ALONG WITHOUT MY HELP!

AND ANOTHER DAY, AT THE FEDERAL PROVING GROUNDS...

AN IMPORTANT PERSONAGE IS MAKING THE FIRST FLIGHT IN THIS SHIP! YOU'LL GET A NEWS RELEASE, IDENTIFYING HIM, IN 24 HOURS!

GOSH, SUPERMAN, I COULD SCOOP ALL THESE REPORTERS IF YOU USED YOUR X-RAY VISION AND TOLD ME WHO HE IS NOW!



YOU PROBABLY COULD, LOIS... BUT I WANT YOU TO GET OVER THE IDEA THAT I'M SOME KIND OF SUPER-VALET FOR YOU!

HMPH! BEING STUBBORN, IS HE? WELL, I'LL TEACH HIM A LESSON ONE OF THESE DAYS!

AN IDLE THREAT? PERHAPS... BUT DON'T UNDERESTIMATE LOIS! ONE AFTERNOON, AT THE METROPOLIS ZOO...

WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE, CLARK? PERRY TOLD ME TO COVER THIS STORY!

WELL, I GUESS HE THOUGHT TWO HEADS ARE BETTER THAN ONE, LOIS! HE ASKED ME TO WRITE IT UP, TOO... SAID YOU'D GIVE ME THE DETAILS!



THERE'S NOT MUCH TO TELL YOU... A NEW SHIPMENT OF UNUSUAL ANIMALS JUST ARRIVED AND PERRY WANTS A STORY THAT'LL APPEAL TO THE YOUNGER GENERATION!

THIS SHOULD BE FUN!



BUT WHAT'S FUN FOR CLARK, SUDDENLY TURNS INTO GRIM BUSINESS FOR SUPERMAN!

THAT LION... HE BROKE THE CATCH BETWEEN THE CAGES AND IS ATTACKING THE TIGERS! NO ONE'S LOOKING AT ME NOW... MUST CHANGE QUICKLY BEHIND THAT BUILDING...



A SPLIT SECOND LATER...

NOW! NOW, LEO... WATCH YOUR LANGUAGE... AND YOUR MANNERS!



THIS CATCH THAT SNAPS THE LOCK SEPARATING THE TWO CAGES WAS RUSTED THROUGH! I'LL FUSE THESE TWO BARS TOGETHER WITH MY GRIP, AND YOU CAN HAVE IT FIXED LATER!...

THANKS, SUPERMAN!







SECRETLY, CLARK SWITCHES BACK TO SUPERMAN AND RETURNS TO TAKE HIS MEDICINE...

I OUTWITTED YOU... AND I'M TAKING NO CHANCES ON YOUR TURNING THE TABLES! SIGN THIS, SUPERMAN!

I THOUGHT TO DO NOTHING
YOU COULD ME FOR THE REST
THREE DAYS.
SIGNED _____

AND AFTER THE MAN OF STEEL PLACES HIS SIGNATURE ON THE "CONTRACT"...

WHEEE! LOOK, EVERYBODY... WHAT I'VE GOT! SUPERMAN'S SERVICES FOR THREE DAYS... GUARANTEED!

BAD ENOUGH, I'LL HAVE TO DO ALL THE CRAZY THINGS SHE'S GOING TO ASK... I DON'T HAVE TO STAY HERE AND WATCH HER GLOAT!

BUT AS SOON AS SUPERMAN LEAVES, RAYE TAKES A HAND...

SEE, I CAN... WHAT... LOOK... HELP... THE DRAFT... BLEW IT OUT OF MY HAND!

WH-WHERE IS IT?
I...I CAN'T SEE IT!

AND, OVER THE CITY, PLAYTHING OF A FRIVOLOUS WIND, FLOATS A SHEET OF PAPER WORTH... WELL, WHAT IS THE VALUE OF SUPERMAN'S UNLIMITED SERVICES?

PAST RICH AND POOR ALIKE, THE FABULOUS SUP FLUTTERS...

HAPH! YOU'D THINK A CITY LIKE METROPOLIS WOULD HAVE BETTER STREET-CLEANING SERVICE!

WHILE THE MIRACLE-LADEN MISSIVE SEEKS ITS DESTINY, LET'S LOOK IN, FOR A MOMENT, AT THE PEABODY SCHOOL FOR POPULARITY...

BAD NEWS FOR YOU, MR. WHIMPLE... YOU'VE JUST BEEN VOTED THE MOST UNPOPULAR STUDENT IN THE PEABODY SCHOOL FOR POPULARITY!

OH, DEAR... AND I TRY SO HARD TO PLEASE EVERYBODY!



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YES, FATE HAS CERTAINLY PUT THE WHAMMY ON POOR WHIMPLE... BUT LOOK! SOMETHING'S ABOUT TO HAPPEN NOW WHICH WILL CHANGE **EVERYTHING** FOR HIM...

OOPS!-- SORRY... THAT PIECE OF PAPER FLEW IN MY EYES!

GET YOUR HANDS OFF ME, YOU RUFFIAN!



WH-WHAT? WHAT'S THIS? **S-SUPERMAN** DO ANYTHING FOR ME?



WHY--WHY, WITH THIS, I COULD GET \$1,000,000, OR... \$10,000,000... OR ANYTHING I WANT! THERE'S **NOTHING** SUPERMAN CAN'T DO!



BUT WHAT'S THE GOOD OF MONEY? THIS IS MY CHANCE TO DO ALL KINDS OF FAVORS FOR OTHER PEOPLE... NO MATTER WHAT THEY WANT! **HMM... THEY SAY SUPERMAN VISITS THE DAILY PLANET... I'LL CONTACT HIM THERE!**





SOON AFTER, AT THE PLANET OFFICE...

WELL, SUPERMAN... IS IT... OR ISN'T IT YOUR SIGNATURE?

IT IS... BUT I... ER... MADE THE PROMISE TO SOME-ONE ELSE! IN FACT, SHE'S OUT LOOKING FOR THIS NOTE RIGHT NOW!



JUST A TECHNICALITY! THE LETTER SAYS YOU... AND I'M THE "YOU" IT MUST MEAN, SINCE I HAVE IT!

HMM... I GUESS HE'S RIGHT!

VERY WELL... BUT I CAN'T FOLLOW YOU ALL DAY, LIKE A DOG ON A LEASH, AND...



AH... GLAD YOU MENTIONED DOGS! THIS DOG WHISTLE IS INAUDIBLE TO HUMAN EARS... BUT YOUR SUPER-HEARING CAN PICK IT UP! WHEN I BLOW THREE LONGS AND TWO SHORTS, IT'LL MEAN I NEED YOU-- IMMEDIATELY!

WHAT A (GROAN) FUTURE FOR ME!



AND SO AS SUPERMAN LOOKS FORWARD TO A DOG'S LIFE, OSWALD WHIMPLE REPORTS TO WORK, WHERE...

I SURE WOULD LIKE TO JOIN YOU, J.B. -- BUT IT'S IMPOSSIBLE! I MUST WAIT RIGHT HERE FOR AN IMPORTANT PHONE CALL!

AH... THE BOSS WANTS SOMETHING IMPOSSIBLE... HERE'S MY CHANCE TO DELIVER!



YESSIR... I'D GIVE ANYTHING TO FISH IN THE GOOD OLD RANATOONA RIVER FOR THE NEXT FEW HOURS... BUT I CAN'T BUDGE FROM THIS PHONE!

ER... I THINK I CAN ARRANGE IT FOR YOU, MR. STEVENS!



WHAT?? FISH IN THE RIVER WHEN IT'S TEN MILES AWAY AND I'M ON THE 25TH FLOOR OF THIS BUILDING? YOU'RE OUT OF YOUR MIND WHIMPLE!

NOT AT ALL, MR. STEVENS... JUST WAIT TILL I BLOW THIS WHISTLE!





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AT THAT INSTANT...

WHERE ARE YOU GOING, CLARK? WE HAVE TO GET THAT ROBBERY STORY FINISHED BY EIGHT TONIGHT!

I... I... ER... JUST REMEMBERED, PERRY... MY MAIDEN AUNT MINERVA... HAVE TO MEET HER AT THE STATION... I'LL BE BACK SOON!



MOMENTS LATER...

WHAT? FIX IT SO THAT HE CAN STAY HERE AND FISH IN THE RANATOONA AT THE SAME TIME? HOW CAN I DO THAT?

THAT'S YOUR BUSINESS, SUPERMAN! FOR ONCE IN MY LIFE, I'M GOING TO MAKE GOOD ON A PROMISE TO HELP SOMEONE!



SOON, AT THE BANKS OF THE RANATOONA...

ONLY ONE THING I CAN DO... WHIP UP A LITTLE TORNADO BY SPIRALLING UPWARD AT SUPER-SPEED!



THE TORNADO WILL FOLLOW ME... AND THE WATER WILL RISE IN A SPOUT TO FOLLOW THE TORNADO!

AND AS SUPERMAN 'DELIVERS' THE RIVER TO METROPOLIS...

HUH? WATER--FULL OF FISH--ARCHING RIGHT PAST MY WINDOW! IT--IT'S IMPOSSIBLE... B--BUT IT LOOKS REAL! QUICK, MISS HARDCRUMB... MY FISHING ROD!



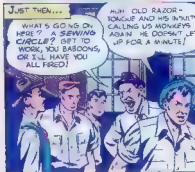
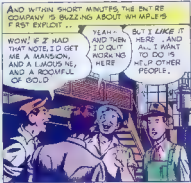
THE

I'LL LET THE WATER EMPTY RIGHT BACK INTO THE RANATOONA--AT THIS DEEP BASIN, WHERE IT WON'T OVERFLOW! THE AIR CURRENTS I CREATED SHOULD KEEP A STEADY STREAM COMING FOR QUITE SOME TIME!



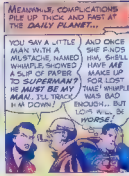


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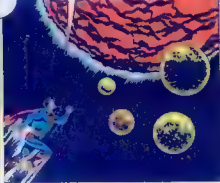
LATER, WHEN OSWALD EXPLAINS HIS LATEST REQUEST

B- BUT THAT WOULD MEAN MOVING THE MOON! IT WOULD CHANGE THE TIDES, CAUSE HAVOC ALL OVER THE EARTH!

DEAR ME . . .
HOW DISTRESSING! GUESS YOU'LL HAVE TO FIND SOME OTHER METHOD! I'LL LEAVE IT ALL TO YOU!

IMMEDIATELY, THE MAN OF STEEL LEAPS OUT INTO DISTANT SPACE, WHERE . . .

I CAN'T DISTURB OUR MOON BUT JUPITER HAS A FEW EXTRA ONES I CAN BORROW AND RETURN LATER!



MOMENTS LATER, BACK ON THE VERANDA

YOU SURE DELIVER THE GOODS, WHAMPE

I THINK THREE MOONS DEFINITELY IMPROVE THE APPEARANCE OF THE SKY DON'T YOU, GERTRUDE?

FOR HE'S A JOLLY GOOD FELLOW...

YESS-2 ANYONE WHO HAS THE SERVICES OF SUPERMAN, AND USES THEM FOR OTHER PEOPLE, IS DEFINITELY OKAY

BUT AT THAT MOMENT, LOIS' SEARCH COMES TO A TRIUMPHANT END!

YOU THERE WHAMPE THAT NOTE YOU FOUND IS MINE! MINE! SUPERMAN!

HERE TAKE IT! I'VE JUST BEEN NOTED MOST POPULAR EMPLOYEE OF STEVENS' ENTERPRISES, INC!



I DON'T NEED T ANY MORE! HERE . . . OOPS! GLIPPED

WHAT AGAIN? HELP! HELP! GET IT!





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GET IT! THAT SLIP--IT'S WORTH A FORTUNE! I MUST HAVE IT! GET IT! GET IT! GET IT!



HERE YOU ARE, MUSS! WHAT'S THE MATTER?

THANKS! I SEE AN... AH-- CAN'T TALK



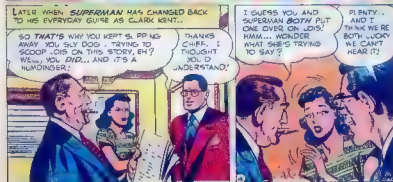
LATER, AT LOIS' APARTMENT...

HMM... YOU MUST'VE STRAINED YOUR VOCAL CORDS, MISS LANE! TOO MUCH SCREAMING; YOU CAN GO ABOUT YOUR BUSINESS... BUT YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO TALK FOR THREE DAYS!

OH, DEAR... THAT MEANS I'LL HAVE TO WRITE DOWN THE THINGS I WANT SUPERMAN TO DO

BUT LOIS HAS QUITE A SURPRISE AWAITING HER AS SHE ARRIVES BACK AT WORK...

SORRY JOE, MY NOTE STATES THAT I'LL DO WHATEVER YOU TELL ME TO! NOT A WORD ABOUT HONORING WRITTEN REQUESTS! AS YOU SAID, AL'S FAIR IN LOVE AND WAR... AND A DUEL OF WITS IS ALSO WAR!



LATER WHEN SUPERMAN HAS CHANGED BACK TO HIS EVERYDAY GUISE AS CLARK KENT...

SO THAT'S WHY YOU KEPT SLIPPING AWAY YOU SLY DOG, TRYING TO SCOOP JOES ON THIS STORY, EH? WELL, YOU DID... AND IT'S A HUMDINGER!

THANKS CHIEF, I THOUGHT YOU'D UNDERSTAND!

I GUESS YOU AND SUPERMAN BOTH PUT ONE OVER ON JOES! HMM... WONDER WHAT SHE'S TRYING TO SAY?

PLENTY... AND I THINK WE'RE BOTH LUCKY WE CAN'T HEAR IT!

the POPSICLE KIDS
IN NEVADA BAD LANDS

TESS AND TIM
HELP STAKE A CLAIM

IF I LEAVE THIS GOLD STAKE THE BLACK GANG WILL SWIND MY CLAIM

WRITE YOUR CLAIM PAPERS SMALL - I'LL HIDE 'EM IN MY BOOT RING'S SECRET CHAMBER

NOW CLOSE THE TOP! THE COMPASS WILL GUIDE US

NO CLAIM PAPERS ON MY BLANKET

LET 'EM GRAB THE CLAIM

THEY MISSED THE CLAIM PAPERS HERE. READ 'EM WITH THE MAGNIFYING GLASS OF MY BOOT RING

THAT CLAIM'S SAFE! NOW WE'LL GET THAT GANG

KIDS YOU SAVED MY RAREST STROKE

THANKS TO MY "POPSICLE" BOOT RING!

WELL, TOO GOOD FOR YOU

YOUR BOOT RING SURE SAVED THE DAY, TIM!

I'M SENDING FOR MY BOOT RING RIGH' NOW

SWELL MAGNIFYING AND BURNING GLASS

SECRET CODE SHEET

WANDY MAGNETIC COMPASS

MY HIDDEN CHAMBER

BOOT RING

REAL WILD WEST BRAND TO SURE!

FAITHFUL MODEL OF REAL COWBOY BOOT

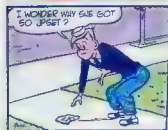
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 CLOSING THE DOOR
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 WITH A
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 IS NOT
 SHE IS
 HE IS
 A HELP,
 WHEN
 REACHES

**SHOWDOWN
 in
 SUEZ!**



LOOK OUT!

FROM THE JUNGLE!





ACTION COMICS



OH, WE'RE JUST BEING
STUPID! CONGO BILL
STARTED A GOOD GAME
WITH ME, BUT...

BESIDES, SAFEGUARDING
YOUR PRETTY NECK, I OWE
IT TO MY EMPLOYER,
**WORLD WIDE INSURANCE
COMPANY**, TO AVOID NEED
LESS RESPONSIBILITY...
AND THE PENALTY.

SO LONG! SEE
YOU AT DINNER
T'VE

SO HE THINKS I'D BE IN HIS
WAY, DOES HE? WELL, I'LL
KIDNA HIM. HE CAN'T KEEP
ME FROM FOLLOWING...
FARE-A-LAY, & HE DOESN'T
SAY ME.



LATER
AS B
REACHES
THE
HOUSE
OF A
TRAVELER
WHO HAS
OFFERED
TO
BE 'GAY'
AND
FOR A
DEAL.

AND THE
ONE
RICARDO
THE OWL
HIDES

COME IN
AND
EXPLAIN

AND THE TRIAL ENDS... IN A TRAP!

HERE, CONGO BILL, IS **RICARDO
THE OWL**--DEAD OF HIS OWN
DEATH! HE SHOULD HAVE
KNOWN THAT I HAVE ALWAYS
BEEN A
TRAITOR!

BEHOLD THE HEAD OF
THE JEWEL SYNDICATE--
AND THE MOST POWERFUL
IN THE EAST! THE
HEAD OF THE
JEWEL SYNDICATE
IS BEING
KILLED BY THE
JEWEL SYNDICATE



BUT A
MOMENT
BETW

HE
SHE
LEFT
FROM
KIDNAP

PLEASE
ME
I DON'T
MEAN ANY
HARM

ANY
DEATH
AND
TAKE
A
PLACE
THE
COUNTRY
AND
EAT
THEM

WILL
BE A
PUNISHMENT

OH, NO!
OW



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PRESENTLY, IN THE COURTYARD... POOR KID... WHY DID SHE HAVE TO GAMBLE THIS WAY? I I FEEL AS IF IT'S MY FAULT THAT SHE'S IN THIS MESS! IF ONLY THERE WERE SOME WAY OF SAVING HER!



BUT AS THE ONCAIR* BEGINS ITS JOLTING JOURNEY, THE FAMED GLOBE-TROTTER GETS THE SURPRISE OF HIS LIFE...

WHAT'S SHE UP TO? I THOUGHT SHE'D FAINTED! HUH... MATA...



AMERICA'S GREATEST

SHHHH! I ONLY PRETENDED TO BE SCARED, SO THEY WOULDN'T SUSPECT ANYTHING. I HAD THE KNIFE SOLDAR TRIED TO USE ON YOU, HIDDEN IN MY SLEEVE! STILL SORRY



MOTHER'S

EXPECTED TO BE TO ENJOY CAREFUL THIS, EH, SOLDAR? THEY'RE GETTING



I WANT THEM TO GET AWAY, WITH RICARDO DEAD, MY ONLY HOPE OF FINDING LEGROOT'S TRAIL... LEAD ME TO

HERE'S WHERE COMPANY AGAIN TEMPORARILY!



WELL, I EVER GET BACK TO TEXAS... TEXAS... TEXAS...

IF I'M LATE FOR DINNER, WAIT!

I'LL NEVER MAKE IT MYSELF IF I DON'T SIMPLIFY THE TRANSPORTATION PROBLEM! RECKON I CAN STEER BY THE HORNS... TEXAS STYLE!



WHALE UP ON THE ROOF...

NEW SOLDAR AND STUL CAN
HAVE A CHANCE
TO REDEEM
THEIR USELESS
LIVES
DOWN THERE
JUST AS WE
CAME

DOWN THERE
JUST AS YOU
SAID

WU 2011

BUT NO MATTER
HOW TIGHT I TRY TO
KEEP IT AWAY
FROM THE
M. I CAN FEEL
IT FALL -

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Don't

THIS LOOKS
LIKE THE
PAYOUT!

NICE GONG
PARTNER

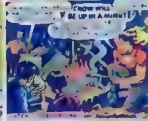
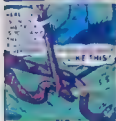
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THE FUTURE
OF THE NATION

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Tootsie

SILENCES
RATTLES
A FULL LENGTH



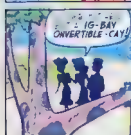
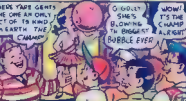
BOYS, GIRLS - MAKE YOUR FAVORITE CANDY,
THE CHEWY, CHOCOLATY TOOTSIE
ROLL... AND M-M-M
TOOTSIE POPS!

Tootsie
POPS
2¢

Tootsie
POPS
2¢ each

Tootsie
Roll

INDIVIDUALLY
WRAPPED



Tommy TOMORROW

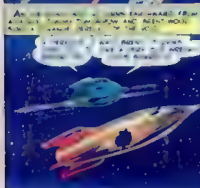
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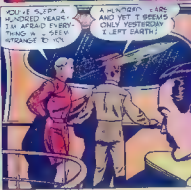
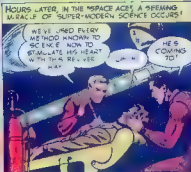
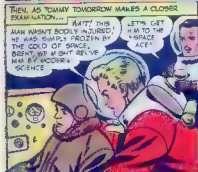
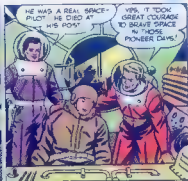
PLANETEER
from the PAST!

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IT IS ONE OF THE FIRST CRUDE SPACE ROCKETS THEY USED IN THE BEGINNINGS OF SPACE FLIGHT BACK IN THE 1960'S.

AND HAS BEEN
DRIFTING IN SPACE
FOR A HUNDRED
YEARS!







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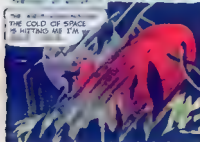
I'M JOE SMITH, AND IN 1982 I WAS A FLIER, BUT PLANES WERE TOO SLOW FOR ME!

WE'VE
NEED MEN TO
FLY THESE NEW
EARTH IS GOOD
BUT I'M



WHEN THE NEW
PLANE

THE COLD OF SPACE
IS HITTING ME I'M



BRENT WOOD'S QUESTION IS ANSWERED WHEN THE "SPACE ACE" REACHES PLANETEAR BASE

TO DO! I
WANT TO BE
A PLANETEAR,
LIKE YOU
CHAPS!



BUT, JOE, EVERY-

MIGHT FIND IT
HARD TO PASS
THE REQ-
REMENTS.

"I BECAME A ROCKET-PILOT, AND AFTER MONTHS OF TRAINING, I TOOK OFF ON MY FIRST FLIGHT!"

THERE GOES
SMITH--I HOPE
HE COMES BACK

MANY
PILOTS
DO!

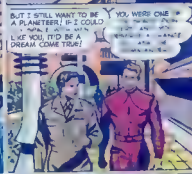


THE "SPACE ACE" REACHES PLANETEAR BASE



YOU SEE, TODAY OUR SHIPS







SO WHEN TOMMY TOMORROW GOES TO SPACE AGAIN IN THE HUNT FOR THE "FIVE PLANET" BANDITS, HE TAKES WITH HIM A HOPEFUL WOULD-BE PLANETEER!

I'LL SURE TRY TO MAKE THE

HOW CAN HE LEARN A HUNDRED YEARS

A FEW DAYS OR WEEKS?

JOE SMITH FIGHTS THE GUNNAR BANDITS. CAN HE SUCCEED?

THE GUNNAR BANDITS ARE THE MOST FIERCE AND DANGEROUS OF ALL THE SPACE BANDITS.

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LOOK OUT, JOE! THAT'S A DRAGON! DON'T APPROACH IT!



AND ON STILL ANOTHER WORLD.

NO, JOE, THAT'S LIQUID GAS, NOT WATER! THERE ARE MANY SUCH GAS "LAKES" HERE ON CALLISTO!



LARGE AND THE FIERCEST!

CHECK THE METEOROMETERS, QUICK--OR I FORGOT, YOU DON'T KNOW HOW TO USE THEM!

IT'S HOPELESS--TOMMY'S A GREAT GUY, BUT HE HASN'T THE MODERN SCIENCE FOR A PLANETEER!



EVEN WHEN THEY HAVE RETURNED TO EARTH AFTER ANOTHER FUTILE SEARCH FOR THE BANDITS, JOE SMITH FINDS HIMSELF OUT OF DATE!

"NOW, ABO," A GAME OF BASEBALL FEELS OLD. SAY PLATRE THEY ARE GOING TO USE THEIR PERSONAL JET POWER UNITS TO PLAY SKY-BALL. THE POPULAR GAME NOW!



LATER

"I GUESS I JUST DON'T FIT INTO THE PLANETEERS NOWHOW. THANKS FOR TRYING TO HELP ME, TOMMY, BUT I KNOW NOW I CAN'T PASS THE PLANETEER TESTS! I'M GOING TO LOOK FOR A JOB."

"WAIT FOR ME JOE. I'LL GIVE YOU A RIDE!"



THE WONDERS OF 2051 ARE A WOLFEY TO THE DISCOURAGED MAN FROM 1952.



"THAT'S WHERE I OUGHT TO BE - IN THAT MUSEUM AS AN EXHIBIT NOT IN THE PLANETEERS!"

"YOU'RE NOT WASHED OUT YET, AND."



"SAY OUR CAR HAS 'TOPPED' AND EVERYONE ELSE'S AS TOO."

"SOMEONE'S SABOTAGED THE POWER STATION! NOW EVERY VEHICLE AND MACHINE IN THE CITY WILL BE UNABLE TO MOVE."



"LOOK, THERE'S A CAR STILL RUNNING! IT MUST HAVE BATTERIES OR SOME POWER-SOURCE OF ITS OWN."

"THE 'VE PLANET BANDITS. THEY SABOTAGED THE POWER SO THEY COULD RAID THE TREASURY HERE AND NO ONE CAN PURSUE! BUT THE PLANETEERS ARE HERE."

PRESENTLY INSIDE THE NEARBY MUSEUM

"YOU KNOW HOW TO OPERATE THIS ANCIENT AUTO, JOE? NOBODY ALIVE TODAY KNOWS HOW TO DRIVE ONE BUT YOU CAN AND WE CAN FOLLOW THE BANDITS IN IT!"

"AN OLD JALOPY? PLEASE AND WAIT! WATCH ME 'WOBLE' DRIVE!"





ACTION COMICS



"THIS IS WORSE THAN A SPACE OILY! DO EVERYONE DRIVE LIKE THIS IN 95."

"HOLD ON! YOU AIN'T SEEN NOTHING YET!"

BUT THE "FIVE-PLANET BANDITS" HEAD-START HAS ALREADY TAKEN THEM OUT OF THE PARALYZED CITY.



"THEIR
A-100
AAA!"

"I GOT AN IDEA
HOW WE CAN
FINISH THEM
FOR GOOD!
WE'LL USE
THEIR OWN
WEAPONS!"



"BUT ALL THESE
FLUERS ARE
SURROUNDED FOR
ACK OF BROAD
"A" POWER."

"NOT THIS OLD
GASOLINE REUC!
I'VE DONE
THOUSANDS OF
HOURS IN A BABY
LIKE THIS ONE!"

FOR THE FIRST TIME IN DECADES, AN OLD PROPELLER PLANE ROARS INTO THE SKY!



"SAW 'EM' AROUND
THE EDGE OF THE
CITY! AT THEIR
CACK AND RATTLE
SO WE KNOW
GET THEM!"

"I
YES!"

"THEY HAD NEW
SPACE SHIP PARKED
HERE! IT WAS THE
ONLY PLACE AND
THEY HAD
TAKEN OFF!"

"YOU NEED TO WAIT
AND JUMP AND
THE PP CORD ON
YOUR PARACHUTE PACK!"





TOMMY TOMORROW, TO WHOM SPACE-SUITS AND FAR WORLDS ARE COMMONPLACE GETS A NEW THRILL AS HE BAILS OUT!

THIS OLD PARACHUTE ISN'T LIKE A MODERN JET UNIT BUT IT'S HANDY NOW IF I CAN LAND AND STOP THEIR SHIP.

THEN AS TOMMY TOMORROW REACHES THE INTERIOR OF THE BANOT-SHIP...

YOUR OWN SPACE RAY-GUNS ARE COVERING YOU. YOU HAVEN'T A CHANCE TO GET A WORD TO HEADQUARTERS.

WITH LEADS TO TOMMY.

I CAN DISABLE THIS SHIP BY FURNING THE ROCKET TUBES.

USE YOUR GUNS BLAST THAT PLANET OFF OF HIS SHIP.

8 "HAS QUICKLY LANDED AND

WILL GET HIM MYSELF.

NOT UNLESS I LOSE MY BASEBALL THROWING ARM AND I HAVEN'T.

LATER... THE PLANETEERS MEET THEIR NEWEST AND OLDEST MEMBER!

FOR VITAL ASSISTANCE IN CAPTURING THE 12 PLANET RANGERS YOU ARE ENROLLED AS A FULL PLANETEER. YOU CAN LEARN YOUR ADVANCE LATER SMITH.

THANKS SIR I WAITED A LONG TIME FOR THIS... MORE THAN A HUNDRED YEARS!

CARNERED CORRAL!

ANOTHER JIM WISE "P-F" ADVENTURE STORY

IT HAPPENED
AT A WHOPPING
RODEO

WAT'SA
CLOWN DOIN'
IN THIS CORRAL?

THAT'S COODY THE
RODEO CLOWN WATH
-IN GET THOSE
STEERS AWAY FROM
THE CORNINGS!

FELLAS,
MEET COODY!

WOW, THAT'S MIGHTY
DANGEROUS - IN GOTTA
BE FAST ON YOUR
FEET, HUH?

TELL 'EM
ABOUT "P-F"
WE WISE

JIM WISE TELLS WHY
"P-F" CANVAS SHOES
HELP YOU GO FULL
SPEED LONGER!

1. THE ALL IMPORTANT
"P-F" FIBRO REBBER
HELPS KEEP THE 3
MAIN SUPPORTING
BONES OF THE
NORMAL FOOT IN PROPER
POSITION



2. SHIPED
FLATBUSH
ARCHES

3. HIGHER ARCHES

"P-F" MEANS
POSTURE FOUNDATION

THAT KID
WILL BE
KILLED!

OH, ONE
MORE

QUICK!
INTO THE
BARREL!



RIGHT FAST
MOVIN'
SON!

MIGHTY FAST
THOUGH, TOO!

GOOD THING I
HAD "P-F" ON
THEY SUES
HELPED ME
GO FULL
SPEED!

GOOD ADVICE FROM
JIM WISE:

GET YOUR
"P-F"
CANVAS SHOES
TODAY AND SEE
FOR YOURSELF
HOW THEY HELP

1. LESSEN FOOT STRAIN
2. YOU GO FULL SPEED LONGER
3. GUARD AGAINST FLAT FEET
4. PROMOTE GOOD POSTURE





Message to Parents



WHAT TO DO IF POLIO COMES YOUR WAY

Keep children with their own friends. Keep them away from groups they have not been with right along especially in close daily living. Many people have polio infection without showing signs of sickness. Without knowing it, they can pass the infection on to others.

Try not to get overtired by work, hard play or travel. If you already have the polio infection in your body, being very tired may bring on serious polio.

Keep from getting chilled. Don't bathe or swim too long in cold water. Take off wet clothes at once. Chilling can lessen your body's protection against polio.

Keep clean. Wash hands carefully before eating and always after using the toilet. Hands may carry polio infection into the body through the mouth. Also keep food clean and covered.

WATCH FOR EARLY SIGNS OF SICKNESS

Polio starts in different ways—with headache, sore throat, upset stomach or fever. Persons coming down with polio may also feel nervous, move or act off. They may have trouble in swallowing or breathing. Often there is a stiff neck and back.

ACT QUICKLY—CALL YOUR DOCTOR AT ONCE

Until he comes, keep the patient quiet and in bed away from others.

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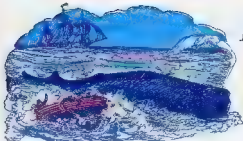
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MONSTER OF THE SEA

ONCE, when Captain Scott, a famous British explorer was in the Antarctic, one of the men in his expedition was standing on an ice pack with two sledge dogs. The rest of the group was on the shore. All of a sudden, there was a terrible noise, like thunder! The man on the ice turned quickly and called to his friends.

"What is it? The ice is shaking under me!"

"Get off that ice pack quickly," someone shouted at him from shore. Man and dogs started to run. All around them the ice was breaking up.

Finally, breathless but safely on shore, the man turned around to see what had happened. The ice where he had been standing only minutes before was now floating freely in the cold water, and then . . . great black heads stood up between the cracks and looked around.

The monsters opened their mouths, and rows of tremendous, sharp-pointed teeth showed below big, beady eyes.

"They are standing fish. Fish that can stand up eight feet out of the water, like a man treading water," someone explained.

"Those aren't fish. They're killer

Whales! Another moment, and you and the dogs would have fallen from the crushed ice into the water, and been destroyed."

Yes, this man had almost been the victim of one of the most deadly demons of the deep, the killer whale.

Whales are animals. They breathe through lungs like a man, they nurse their young, and bear offspring as do humans and other animals. Because they breathe through lungs instead of gills, the whale cannot stay under water very long. They must surface for air every five minutes or so. Of course, a whale's lungs are so tremendous that when he reaches the surface, he exhales before taking in fresh air. This exhalation causes the spout which we all associate with the whale.

Biologists believe that the whale is descended originally from some prehistoric land animal who, through the centuries of geological change on earth were gradually forced into the sea for refuge from the ice that covered the world during the "ice ages." The whale, therefore, remained an animal, although his habitat changed from land to water, and through millions of years he has acclimated himself to this environment.

Seamen and adventurers have seen these monsters of the deep for centuries and, undoubtedly, their colossal size struck stark terror into the hearts of all who saw them. Whales are probably the source of sea superstitions and stories of sea dragons and other monsters imagined by man.

About 100 years or so ago, sailors braved their fears when curiosity got the better of them. Having discovered the arctic, they found that the Eskimos and peoples of the northlands killed whales and made use of their blubber, oil and meat.

Thus, the whaling industry was established. Whalers followed the monsters with harpoons in open boats. It was often perilous, frequently tragic, and always exciting as well as highly profitable because before the days of petroleum and gas, whale oil was essential for lighting and lubrication.

There are many varieties of whales. Most of them have a diet that consists primarily of fish, marine life and underwater vegetable matter. There are two primary kinds of whales: one has teeth; the other, a whalebone, or a series of bony plates in its mouth which acts as a filter and is called the *baleen*.

Examples of whale-bone whales are the Pacific Grey Whale, found in the North Pacific Ocean from California to the Arctic Ocean; the Pigmy Whale known from New Zealand to Australia; The Greenland Whale, which is almost extinct, having been greatly reduced by the whaling industry; the Atlantic Right Whale found in the North Atlantic Ocean; the Southern Right Whale in the Southern Atlantic, and many more.

Another group of baleens is hump-

back. Most common of this variety is the Blue Whale which is at least 100 ft. long and is known to weigh as much as 150 tons.

Also in this group is the 80 ft. Fin Whale or Razor Back Whale, and the Sperm Whale, some 65 ft. long and the source of ambergris, used in making perfume.

Perhaps the most terrifying creature is the "killer-whale," or the Orca. This is the only whale that could eat a man. He is more than three times the size of an elephant, about 25 ft. long and weighs about 15 tons. The most distinctive and horrible feature about the Orca is its white teeth, about 10 or 12 of them, three inches long in each jaw. These jaws can chop a seal in half with one bite. Two Orcas, for example can kill a 150 ton whale. Each grabs the jaw of the victim and sinks its teeth in. Then they pull his head underwater, drowning him because he can stay underwater only five minutes, while the Orca can stay submerged for 20 minutes.

Sometimes they attack in packs, too. They are probably the world's most ferocious animal because their only purpose is killing. A hundred million years of evolution have made the Orca nothing but a tool of death.

Actually, all we have been able to learn about whales is from observation in the seas. It is impossible to capture them alive, and more impossible to enclose them in an aquarium as we do other creatures, for the oceans of the world are the whale's aquarium, and perhaps we never really will know about the habits of these monsters of the sea.

—S. Minton

QUICK QUIZ

WHICH IS THE **LARGEST** COUNTY IN THE WORLD?



HONOLULU...

WHICH IS 2200 MILES ACROSS! ITS COUNTY LIMITS EXTEND 1200 MILES NORTHWARD ACROSS THE PACIFIC TO INCLUDE MIDWAY ISLAND AND 1000 MILES SOUTHWARD TO INCLUDE PALMYRA ISLAND!

HOW DO THEY SCENT HIGHER-GRADE TEA.....IN CHINA?



WITH FLOWERS... SUCH AS ROSES, GARDENIAS, PEONIES AND ORANGE BLOSSOMS!

WHAT IS THE MOST WIDELY-USED FOOD IN THE WORLD?



RICE! IT IS REGULARLY CONSUMED BY ABOUT $\frac{2}{3}$ OF THE WORLD'S PEOPLE!

DO ANIMALS GET TOOTHACHES?



YES THOUGH NOT AS FREQUENTLY AS HUMAN BEINGS! A COMPETENT VETERINARY IS WELL TRAINED TO TREAT AN ANIMAL'S TOOTHACHE!

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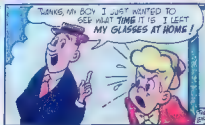
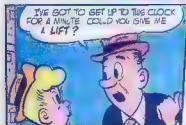
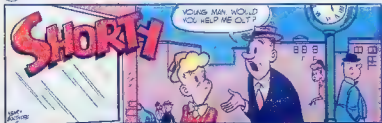


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VIGILANTE



HE WAS A DEAD -
SHOT WITH A GUN.
BUT HE WAS TRIGGER
CRAZY. THEN ONE DAY
THIS GUN-HAPPY
CHARACTER STUMBLED
UPON A LOOHPHOLE IN
THE LAW WHICH
ENABLED HIM TO BE A
LEGAL KILLER!
HE BLAZED A PATH OF
LEADEN DEATH. JIN-
CHECKED, UNMOLESTED,
UNTIL THAT HARD-
HITTING RIDER OF THE
PURPLE SAGE, THE
VIGILANTE,
TACKLED

**"The TRIGGER
TRAIL of
'WILD'
EDDIE
MECKS!"**

YOU CAN'T
TOUCH ME, VIG!
I'M WITHIN MY
LEGAL RIGHTS!

ALIVE



ONE BOLD SPRING MORNING AS THREE BOYS PREPARED TO HUNT COYOTES OUTSIDE OF SOMERSET CITY...

THESE 4 BOYS ALREADY--BLASTING AWAY LIKE A CRAZY SADDLE TRAMP!

YEAH, BUT IT'S TOO LATE FOR "WILD" BOOBY! SOMETIMES, THE WAY HE TREATS THAT SIX-SHOOTER OF HIS SCARES ME! ALMOST LIKE IT WAS ALIVE!

BOOM!

YES, EDWIN WILLIAM WARREN WAS DEFINITELY NOT ONE OF THE BOYS! JUST SEVENTEEN, A STRANGE QUARK OF PERSONALITY HAD ALREADY HARDENED HIM INTO A MAN OF MANY MOODS...

NOW!! HEAD.. HEART.. TWO IN THE BODY.. **DRAT IT!** ANOTHER MISS! THAT MAKES TWO OUTA TWENTY! I GOTTA STOP THAT-- I JUST GOTTA STOP MISSING ANY SHOTS!

WELL, BUT I'M IN A COUPLE OF YEARS I'LL HAVE TO MEET AN COP'S MILK, RENEGADE! THERE WON'T BE NO CHANCE OF THAT AWAY ONCE YOU AND ME JOIN UP WITH THE LAW! NO MORE!

SO IT WAS THAT SEVERAL YEARS LATER...

I'LL BE THE BEST DEPUTY IN THE COUNTY IF YOU GIVE ME A JOB!

WELL, YOU ARE A GOOD IRON, EDDIE! I'LL PUT YOU ON!

BUT AS THE MONTHS PASSED, THE SHERIFF WAS TO REGRET HIS DECISION. ONE MOONLIT NIGHT, AS THE TWO WERE HUNTING DOWN TROUBLE IN BUCKROCK PASS...

EDDIE! CALM YOURSELF, SHERIFF! I CAPTURED THE VAMPIRE!

YOU THINK YOU'RE UPSTAIR! I TOLD YOU TWICE THAT BANDIT WAS OUT OF AMMUNITION! THERE WAS NEED FOR SHOOTING!

WHOSE CORRAL ARE YOU IN? THAT CRITIC! ACTED AWFUL SUSPICIOUS LIKE-- A FELLERS GOT TO BE CAREFUL!

CAREFUL, FARRACKS! EDDIE! AM THIS RECKLESS SHOOTING OF YOURS HAS HAPPENED ONCE TOO OFTEN FOR MY LIKING! GIT YOURSELF ANOTHER JOB!

WELL, WITHOUT ME, YOU COULDN'T TRACK DOWN A THING! I'VE IN THE HANDS CORRAL, SHERIFF! IF YOU WANT SOMETHING CAN BE DONE 'BOUT THAT PROBLEM!



"WILD" EDDIE'S NEXT STOP ALONG THE "TRIGGER TRAIL" CARRIED HIM DEEP INTO OUTLAW TERRITORY- TO THE HIDEOUT OF THE NOTORIOUS BARTLETT BROTHERS...

SO WHAT'S WRONG WITH A DEPUTY SHERIFF SWITCHING HIS BRAND? I'M THE **BEST SHOT** IN BONANZA CITY! YOU COULD USE ME!

CAUSE YOU WERE A DEPUTY ONCE DON'T WORRY ME, MEERKS; BUT I'LL BE DAB-BUSTED IF I'LL HAVE A TRIGGER-HAPPY FOOL JOINING MY BAND! YOU'D HAVE OUR NECKS IN A NOOSE IN NO TIME!



YOU - YOU HURT MY SHOOTIN' ARM!

YOU'RE LUCKY YOU'RE STILL BREATHING, EDDIE. YOU EVER DRAW ON ME AGAIN, THOUGH, AND I'LL STAKE YOU OUT IN BOOT HILL!



I'LL SHOOT THE BASS OUT OF YOUR TEETH BARTLETT

FIGURED THE LITTLE WEAZEL WOULD DRAW ON YUH CARL



T-TAKE IT EASY, YOU CAN CALL IT, BARTLETT! BUT GIVE ME MY GUN BACK!

HEED WHAT I SAY, TRIGGER-HAPPY, NOBODY DRAWS **TWICE** AGAINST CARL BARTLETT! WILLIE, EMPTY THE PUNK'S SIX-SHOOTER AND SEND HIM ON HIS WAY!



LATER IN TOWN



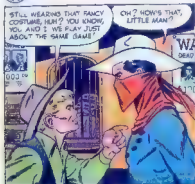
I'M TOO GOOD FER THE LAW AND TOO **SMART** FOR THOSE BRUSH APES! WELL NOBODY SAYS I GOTTA BE ON **EITHER** SIDE! I CAN MAKE MY **OWN RULES...** AND TEACH 'EM **ALL** A THING OR TWO... SURE, WHY NOT?

SEVERAL MONTHS LATER, AS THE VIGILANTE AND HIS S DECKIE, STUFF, ENTER THE U.S. POST OFFICE IN BONANZA CITY...

WATCH YOUR FOOT NO MISTER... OH, SO IT'S THE **VIGILANTE!** STILL TRACKING DOWN BAD HOMBRES?

DOING MY BEST, STRANGER PARDON ME!







BUT IT IS FULLY TEN MINUTES LATER BEFORE THE CONVOY SINGER CAN DON THE VIGILANTE'S FIGHTING UNIFORM...

WHEN, I THOUGHT THOSE FOOLS WOULD NEVER GIVE ME A CHANCE TO CHANGE THIS IS MATTHEW'S TRAIL, ALL RIGHT! I KEPT AN EYE ON THE DIRECTION HE TOOK! TURN ON OUR NEW JET BOOSTER, STUFF!

POWHE! HOLD ON TO YOUR SEAT, VIG! HERE WE GO!



QUICKLY, THE VIG TURNS A KNOB AND SPINS HIS SUPER-CYCLE ABOUT! INSTANTLY, SMOKE BILLOWS FROM THE REAR FUNNEL...

BUT VIG, WE'RE GOING THE WRONG WAY...

NOT FOR LONG... LEFT TURN COMING



BUT MOMENTS LATER, AS THE CONVOY REACHES THE OUTLAW'S VANTAGE POINT

VIG! LOOK!

LEAPING COYOTES! IT'S THE LITTLE

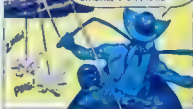
GREETINGS VIG! LOOKS LIKE YOU'RE A MITE TOO LATE! I TOOK CARE OF THIS PRAIRIE DOG BEFORE HE COULD PESTER



AS THE VIG-CYCLE SPURTS ALONG AT A STARTLING SPEED, NOT LEAD RAINS DOWN A GREETING OF DEATH

VIG! HE'S ON US

MY FAULT! SHOULD HAVE REALIZED HE'D KEEP A KEEN EYE ON HIS BACK TRAIL. PROBABLY SAW OUR DUST IN THE DISTANCE! WELL, LET'S SHOW HIM SOME SMOKE, STUFF! HANG ON



THAT'S

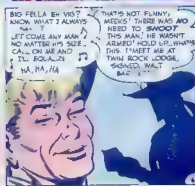
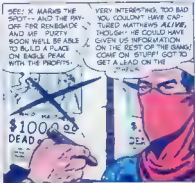
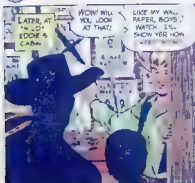
LET'S AND THE ENEMY, STUFF!



RECKON I OWE YOU SOME THANKS, MEENS! WHAM! SO YOU GOT WHIP MATTHEWS IN THE BACK!

HAD TO, THE SNAKE STARTED TO SWING ABOUT ON ME! DON'T BE SORE JUST 'CAUSE I GET A \$1000 REWARD FOR CAPTURING THIS CRITTER--DEAD!







ACTION COMICS



WEEKS! THIS IS ONE TIME I'LL REACH AN OUTLAW FOR QUESTIONING BEFORE YOU DO! I'LL BE AT TWIN ROCK IN AN HOUR! I ESTIMATE IT WILL TAKE YOU TRIPLE THAT TIME ON HORSEBACK! C'MON, STUFF!

AW, NOW THAT'S GOING TO SPOIL ALL THE FUN FOR ME AND RENEGADE! ESPECIALLY AS WALT BARTLETT'S GOT A JUICY \$5,000 REWARD ON HIS HEAD!

PRESENTLY, THE HARD-RODING PAIR REACHES TWIN ROCK ...

VIG! THIS ONE STAYS ALIVE STUFF. THERE HE IS AND DIVING FOR HIS RIFLE!

EXPERTLY, THE VIGILANTE SNAKES HIS LARVA ABOUT THE DESPERATE OUTLAW ...

WHAT?

RINGER, YG!

PLAY IT PEACEFUL BARTLETT

MORE WAYS THAN ONE TO USE THIS THING, VIGILANTE!

ZIP!

YOU'RE REAL LUCKY! THE COMPANY I'VE BEEN KEEPING WOULD HAVE LOVED A CHANCE LIKE THIS ...

MINUTES LATER

WHAT? WE DO NOW VIG? BRING THIS OWL HOOT BACK TO BONANZA CITY!

NO, STUFF! THE GANG HAS PROBABLY SEPARATED TO AVOID DETECTION. THEY MIGHT COME TO MEET HERE. OUR BEST BET IS TO WAIT ON THE ONE TRAIL LEADING TO THIS LODGE. THAT WAY WE CAN GRAB THEM BEFORE THEY GET SUSPICIOUS!



...AND LATER, AS DAWN SPRINGLES THE
STERN HELLION, A FIGURE CREEPS
TO THE REAR OF TWIN ROCK LODGE...

EDDIE: MEANS
AN' YOU'RE CUTTIN'
MY BONDS. THANKS, PAL.

SHHHHHH! LOOK FOR IT
BARTLETT! ROSE
VIGILANTE AND HIS
"RECKON-GIT" BACK.



BUT AS WALT BARTLETT
STITCHES UP
HIS WOUNDS...



SORRY, PAL,
I'D DECIDED TO
SHORT-CHANGE
YOU TO THE
TUNE OF \$4,000!
HA, HA!

THE GUNFIRE BRINGS THE VIG AND STUFF BACK FROM
THEIR NIGHT-LONG VIGIL, BY THE TRAIL...

YOU DID A MORTAL
IMPROPER THING TOB
ON THIS HORRIBLE VIG!
I TOLD YOU I WAS
MAKING A BREAK
FOR -

YOU'RE A MURDERER!
NO ONE
COULD HAVE BROKEN
THOSE BONDS WITHOUT
HELP! NO ONE BUT HIM FREE
AND THEN KILLED HIM
BEFORE HE COULD



AND WHAT YOU'RE
WANTING DEAD OR ALIVE
AND I'LL REEFER HIM
DEAD! WHAT ARE YOU
GONNA DO ABOUT IT?
CHARGE THE LAW!

NO BUSTER, BUT I'M
GONNA USE
ONE MEANS I'M
BRINGING YOU IN FOR
ATTEMPTED MUR-
DER!



YOU WERE THE ONE WHO WAS SHOOTING AT
US THAT DAY WE TRAILED WHIP MATTHEWS
TO THE HILLS. I KNOW, MEETS BELA AND
I FIRST H.S. GUN AND I WAS ICE COLD!
THAT CHARGE SHOULD KEEP
YOU IN CUSTODY UNTIL I
CAN GET THE BARTLETT
GANG IN ALIVE!

YOUR
DREAMING
M...



SUDDENLY...

I KNOW YOU WON'T SHOOT
A MAN IN THE BACK, VIG!
ALL YOU SURE WON'T
AT ME FROM NOW
ON A GUNFIGHT!

HEH!
WE'VE GOT TO
THE "REAR" OF
PRIDE. YOU
SCUTTLED US.





THE NEXT DARK HOURS OF THE EVENTS AT TOWN BOOK LOOSELY CIRCULATES THROUGH THE WALKS...

THAT'S RIGHT AS RAIN, CARL! THE VIGILANTE BROUGHT YOUR BROTHER WALT'S BODY IN! EVERYBODY IN TOWN KNOWS "WILD" EDDIE PUMPED HIM PLUM FULL OF LEAD! WHATCHA GONNA DO 'BOUT IT?

PLENTY! THAT LITTLE RAT IS GONNA PAY-- I SWEAR IT! I'M GOING TO FIGHT HIM WITH HIS OWN WEAPONS, THOUGH! SADDLE THE HORSES!

LATER, AT A BONANZA CITY PRINTING COMPANY...

B-BUT I CAN'T DO IT! WHY...THIS IS AGAINST THE LAW!

YOU DO IT AND DO IT FAST! I'M CARL BARTLETT AND I'M THE LAW AT THIS MOMENT!

IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS, A TERRIFIED GUNMAN FINDS HIS HAND TURNED AGAINST HIM...

T-THEY'RE ALL OVER THE DISTRICT...

I-I CAN'T GIVE MYSELF UP--T-THOSE OUTLAWS IN JAIL WOULD KILL ME...

DEAD OR ALIVE

G-GOTTA GET AWAY... THEY'LL ALL BE GUNNING ME FER THAT KINDA DOUGH... GOTTA HIDE...

MEANWHILE...

HE'LL BE SCARED AS A RABBIT, ALL RIGHT! EVERY BADMAN IN THE DISTRICT HAS OILED HIS GUN FOR HIM! SAY, STUFF...REMEMBER AT HIS CABIN... HE MENTIONED BUILDING A PLACE ON EAGLE PEAK...

THAT'S RIGHT, VIG! GOLLY, IT'S WORTH A CHANCE... IT WOULD MAKE A PERFECT HIDEOUT!

NEAR EAGLE PEAK...

STUFF, LOOK! THAT'S NO SHERIFFS POSSE COMBING THOSE WOODS! THEY MUST BE CARL BARTLETT'S MEN... THEY'VE GOTTEN ONTO WEEK'S TRAIL AND HEMMED HIM IN!

SUFFERING CATS! WHAT'LL WE DO, VIG?

ONLY ONE THING TO DO! REACH WEEKS FIRST AND PLANK HIM IN JAIL!



BUT AS THE BATTLING PAIR ARRIVE, DEATH IS ALREADY MOVING IN ON EDWIN WILLIAM MECKS...

B-SAVE ME, VIG! I TRIED TO KILL YA, SURE! Y-YOU WERE THE ONLY CRITTER ALIVE COULD SHOOT BETTER'N ME! B-BUT PLEASE **HELP** ME!

VIGILANTE! YOU STAY OUTTA THIS...MECKS IS OUR POISON! WE'LL CLEAN OUR OWN NESTS!



GAMBLING DESPERATELY, VIGILANTE SPURS HIS CYCLE ON IN AN ATTEMPT TO HEM IN THE OUTLAW BAND...

DON'T LET 'EM GET ME, VIG! PLEASE DON'T LET 'EM!

THIS MIGHT THROW THEM OFF BALANCE LONG ENOUGH TO GET MECKS OUT OF HERE... GOT TO RISK IT!



THEN, AS THE VIGILANTE'S SURPRISE MOVE DOWNS THE GANG, THE FEAR-SEIZED KILLER FLOUNDERS BACKWARD TOO FAR IN HIS EXCITEMENT, AND...

VIG, LOOK!

DON'T MAKE A MOVE, YOU MEN... TOO LATE... HE'S FALLEN VICTIM TO HIS OWN FEAR, STUFF! WE'D BETTER GET THESE HOMBRES TO THE JAIL HOUSE!



LATER, AT THE U.S. POST OFFICE HEADQUARTERS...

SO THERE YOU HAVE IT, INSPECTOR! "WILD" EDDIE WAS **DELIBERATELY** KILLING THE OUTLAWS AND EVEN TRIED TO KILL ME!

GREAT CANNON-BALLS! EXPOSING HIS BRUTALITY AND BRINGING THE BARTLETT GANG IN WAS CERTAINLY A REMARKABLE JOB, VIGILANTE! THANK HEAVEN YOU CAME THROUGH IT SAFELY!



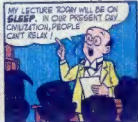
AND STILL LATER...

GREG SANDERS, THE PRAIRIE TROUBADOUR... HOW GENTLE AND SOOTHING HIS SONGS ARE! HE'S SO UNLIKE ALL THE TERRIBLE GUN-FIGHTING MEN IN THESE PARTS!

OH, I'VE DONE MY CHORES AND THERE'S NO MORE PAY... SO I'LL SADDLE MY BROWN AND I'LL RIDE AWAY...



The End



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